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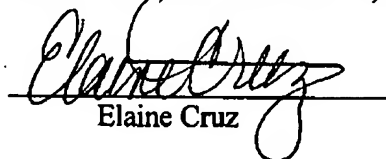
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Sir:

REQUEST FOR REFUND

We respectfully request a refund of (\$920) which is one-half of the \$1840 paid upon the filing of a Petition to Withdraw from Issue (\$130) and a Request for Continued Examination (\$790) in the above-identified application. The Petition and the Request for Continued Examination were filed by way of facsimile transmission, and a confirmation

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Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,



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Practitioner's Docket No. 107059-0033**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re application of: **Alan J. Soucy**Application No.: **10 / 607,699** Group No.: **3751**Filed: **June 27, 2003**

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PETITION

1. Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue.

PATENT ISSUE FEE

2. The issue fee for this case has been paid on September 15, 2005

(complete the following if known)

This application is scheduled to - **DATE NOT YET AVAILABLE**

- ☐ issue on _____
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REASON(S) FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

NOTE: "Once the issue fee has been paid, the application will not be withdrawn from issue upon petition by the applicant for any reason except (1) Unpatentability of one or more claims, which petition must be accompanied by an unequivocal statement that one or more claims are unpatentable, an amendment to such claim or claims, and an explanation as to how the amendment causes such claim or claims to be patentable; (2) Consideration of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114; or (3) Express abandonment of the application. Such express abandonment may be in favor of a continuing application." 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c).

3. The reason for the request for withdrawal from issue is:

(check applicable item(s) below)

- (a) ☐ one or more of the claims are unpatentable.
(b) ☒ consideration of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.
(c) ☐ for express abandonment to permit consideration of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97 in a continuing application.
(d) ☐ for express abandonment in favor of a continuing application.

Further details as to the reason(s) for this withdrawal request are set forth on the attached 2 sheet(s).

(Petition for Withdrawal from Issue—Issue Fee Paid (37 C.F.R. § 1.313(b)) [9-33]—page 2 of 3)

AMENDMENT

NOTE: Any amendment accompanying a petition to withdraw an application from issue should comply with the requirements of § 312 (Amendment after allowance).

4. ☐ Accompanying this petition is an amendment.

PETITION FEES**5. PETITION FEES (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h))**

The fee set forth in § 1.17(h), required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(a), is paid as follows:

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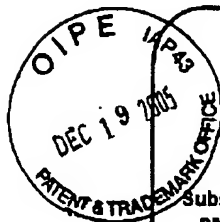
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REQUEST FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/607,699
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Examiner Name	Mauet, Timothy Lewis
First Named Inventor	Alan J. Soucy
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Attorney Docket Number	107059-0033

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
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